notification dated 30.9.2004 was issued with a view to rescinding the notification dated 10.12.2003 inviting objections/suggestions from all persons likely to be affected.

(c) In the meeting held on 21st December, 2004, the trade unions welcomed the move for rescinding the notification dated 10.12.2003, but the employers opposed the same.

(d) and (e) The matter of rescinding the notification is still under consideration. A decision in this regard will be taken in consultation with all the stakeholders.

(f) In the meeting held on 21st November, 2003, the trade unions opposed the proposal for amendment in the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules, 1946 to include "Fixed Term Employment Workmen" in the Schedule of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946, and Model Standing Orders annexed to the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules, 1946.

Strengthening of intelligence mechanism

†*319. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any plan to strengthen the intelligence mechanism of the country and to fix its accountability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the incidents of terrorism took place recently are because of weakness of intelligence mechanism;

(d) if so, the details of such incidents alongwith the details of the action taken by Government; and

(e) the details of the efforts being made by Government to strengthen the intelligence mechanism at district level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Necessary steps have been taken to strengthen the intelligence mechanism at the Centre. The State

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Governments have been asked to strengthen the Special Branches of State Police forces to enhance capabilities to enable greater collection and sharing of local intelligence necessary to prevent terrorist and anti national activities.

(c) and (d) The Central and State security and intelligence agencies remain alert and their coordinated action has resulted in busting of a large number of terrorist modules thereby preventing many resultant terrorist incidents. However, the constant endeavor has been to further improve collection of local and actionable intelligence including through the mechanism of community policing to know before hand the exact place and time of an impending terrorist attack.

(e) Considering the vital role of intelligence in effective prevention of terrorist activities, the Central Government has discussed the issue of strengthening of intelligence set-up in various meetings with the representatives of the State Governments/UT administrations. They have been advised to take concerted action to strengthen intelligence machinery at State, District and Police Station levels, constituting/streamlining coordination committees at different levels to facilitate real time sharing of intelligence between different security and law enforcement agencies, re-activating beat constable system and according a higher priority to collection of intelligence through both human sources and technical surveillance.

Self-sufficiency in Defence production

†*320. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Armed forces have to depend on foreign countries even today for getting modern arms and equipments, despite the claims of self-sufficiency in every field in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country has not achieved the desired success in the field of defence research and innovation as per the circumstances and the needs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that India's approach in respect of defence research does not seem to come upto the reality; and

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